SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6. [From our Regular Correspondent.] Letter from Europe-No. 31.

LONDON, Oct. 20th, 1879. NEW BOOK ON HAWAII. The Athenaum says: "An English gentleman, Mr. Godfrey Rhodes, who has established a large plantation and factory in Hawaii, and who has resided in that island for many years, has prepared an elaborate account of the Hawaiian group, which he confemplates publishing in England. This record would naturally have greater value than the impressions of mere visitors to the interesting halfway house in the Pacific. One chapter of this work deals with the recent intercourse between the Americans and the Hawaiians, and may shortly

make its appearance in a separate form "

PRINCE HENRY AT HONOLULU. A recent number of the German periodical Uber Land and Meer contained several sketches of Prince Henry of Prussia's visit to Honolulu by an artist on board of the Prince Adalbert. One picture represented a native man and woman of Oahu, whose portraits gave no very flattering idea of Hawalia style of beauty; another showed the Prince with his suite in carriages driving through the entrance to Aliiolani Hale to meet the King, with kahill bearers in advance and kanakas lining the road, and a third depicted the Prince's departure, at the beatlanding with Pierce's ship chandlery in the background and two ladies presenting flowers to the Prince, who is standing in the boat.

DR. OTTOTINOCH writes from Honolula that he has succeeded making large collections in Oshu and Maui, and that he has forwarded boxes containing 300 animals, from the old Waimanalo burial grounds to Berlin.

The British Admiralty has contributed 110 charts of Australesia and Polynesia to the Sydney Exhibition. The Daily News says, the Panama canal would shorten the voyage of ships from London to Honolulu by 2860 leagues. Sir Geo. Elliot M.P. intends to erect a monument to Captain Cooke on a prominent site in his estate at West Cliff near While, where the great navigator spent several years. The Imperial Commissioners now in British Columbia examining the defences have condemned the present site of Esquimalt dockyards as being untenable in case of war. H. M. S. Opal recently visited Pitcairn Island and placed an American organ in the Church, as a gift of Queen Victoria to the Ganders; the first tune played was "God save the Queen."

At Callao, Peru, Sept. 10, Rear Admiral Stirling, the new commander in chief in the Pacific, hoisted his flag on board the Triumph, his predecessor, Admiral Dehorsey, has already arrived here. The British fleet on the Pacific station now numbers 11 vessels, and a new despatch boat and another iron-clad, the Shannon, 9 guns, 5439 tons and 3370 horsepower, are on the way out. The late flagship Shah has just returned to Spithead after 3 years commission in the Pacific. Rear Admiral Ed. Turnour, who commanded the Charybdis in the Pacific In 1862-5, has been gazetted Vice Admiral, and officials and servants and threatened to murder them. Fortunately, an alarm was raised and a the President, flagship of Admiral C. B. Ross in the Pacific in 1839-42, died Oct. 8, at Tunbridge Wells. The Bacchante sailed Sept. 25 from Portland for a cruise around the world with the Prince of Wales' two sons on board; she goes first to Gibraltar, Madeira and West Indies. The Russian Admiral Asianderg has hoisted his fing at Naples on board the ironclad Minine and sails via Suez Canal to take command of the North Pacific squadron, which is to include 12 of the swiftest vessels to act as privateers in case of war. Yokohama will be chief station of the fleet, which includes three clippers, the new cruiser Asia, built in America, and the corvettes Distingtional Rasbonik and the new clipper Nacdz-Makado, Duke of York Island, New Britain; Jalluit in Marshall group and Saluafata or Upolu, Samoan Islands. The Ariadne and Leipzig have returned by the Pacific the latter visited Honolulu in ome from the Pacific; the latter visited Honolulu in May, 1878. The Prince Adalbert with Prince Henry of Prussia is still in Japanese waters, her Captain. Maclean, will be appointed Rear Admiral on his return in September 1880. The Bismarck has sailed from Apia for Sydney to show her flag at the Exhibition. Her Captain Deinhard has orders to negotiate similar treaties with the independent groups of Eastern Polynesia, like those already con-cluded with Samoa, Tonga, &c. The Nautilus has passed Singapore on the way to the Pacific to relieve the Albatross. The Austrian corvette Heligoland is also at Sydney. Count Monts who brought the Vineta to Honolulu in 1876 has been acquitted for the third time at the final court martial in connection with the sinking of the Grosser Kurfurst under his command. The Kale, Rothfos master, sailed Oct. 1st from Hamburg for Honolulu. F. B.

Chinese Progress.

To the Editor of the China Mail.

Hongkong, August 17th, 1878. Sir,-That China will eventually come squarely into the family of nations on terms approaching equality in all the essentials of civilization and progress, she gives unmistakable evidence at the present time by sending Ministers and Consuls to foreign countries, quite a new thing in Chinese history. It would be too much to expect a Government and a record that have for so pect a Government and a people that have for so many centuries and thousands upon thousands of years continued is existence and in power—a power so much superior to all their neighboring nations, and who have grown into a belief that their ways are the only true ways for nations and people—too much to expect such a people and Government suddenly to give up all their previously formed opinions, habits and modes of life and thought, and adop, those of other nations, however superior the latter might be. Japan has, to some extent, done this; but it is an anomaly in the history of nations and may be considered almost a violation of nature. But although the two peoples are somewhat similar as to race there are great differences in the charac-

ter and circumstances of the two.

The Japanese, who had been shut up for some hundreds of years from almost all intercourse with the outside world, and held in subjection to to the Tycoon and religious Emperor, and all the demoralizing and debasing influences of a selfish riesthood, when released from such enforced isolation and priestly influence, like the bow too severely bent, seem to have sprung almost to the other extreme, and have taken to the ways of civilization with a facility truly wonderful. They apparently perceive the nonsense of their former national priesthood (a thorn in the way of progress like the Chinese literati) and how their religious observances, which were enforced solely for the purpose of enslaving the minds of the people and holding them in fear of the heathen priesthood, and, apparently, have broken loose from their former mental and spiritual bondage, and have resolved to see, hear, think, and act for themselves. Instead of remaining worshippers of Dalibutz they have cheerfully accepted the benefit of the innovation of modern imes, steamers, railroads and telegraphs.

But the Chinese do not give up so readily to changed circumstances. While a Japanese on going to an American and European port, as UST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY ily assumes a European or American dress as if he were a native, apparently desiring to escape attracting attention, the Chinese cling to all their old habits, their blue blouses and big trousers, shaved head and long queues, and clump around in their wooden shoes, as if desirous of being noticed as Chinamen; the old belief that China is the first country of the earth, and that its people are the wisest, most learned and respectable, is not yet eradicated. But the change is occurring more surely and rapidly with the Government and higher classes than perhaps they themselves are aware of. The indications of this are shown perhaps more forcibly in the movement towards baving so many of their boys and young men educated in the academies and Colleges of the United States and Europe than in

anything else. Chida has already entered into the family of nations in many new appliances of civilized na-tions and civilized life. She has exchanged somewhat her old sea system of junks for more LIME, modern styles of shipping. Instead of them she was owns and rune steamers of her own. Her was HAMS, GOLDEN GATE FLOUR, LARD, and a fire lies of Colorad Gray Flannels at Low Prices, junks, she sees, will not answer the demands of the Century. She has built and equipped men-of-war on the European plan—the American system. She will not depend hereafter upon the noise and clatter ner soldiers can make to he hieve victories but upon Krupp guns and drilled hieve victories but upon Krupp guns hieve vi

able and educated engineers, and her armies will be drilled by men who understand the system as faught by the latest and ablest strategists.

And China will not long resist the introduction of railroads and the electric telegraph. She has many highly-educated men, the viceroy of Chihli, Li-Hung-Chang, and the Honorable Tong-King-Sing, president of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company being the ablest of them all. They cannot fail to see that railroads and telegraphs and steamers are the best and surest means to keep the empire united, quell rebellions, command obedience from all to the Peking Government, develop the mineral, agricultural and commercial resources of the country, and establish quick and direct communication and

transportation through the whole empire. Telegraphy is the new tongue which has the mission to unite all the intelligent nations of the earth, and constitute the great director of commercial intercourse. A Trans-Pacific Cable connecting China with California, and all the world south and west of her would give her the means of communication with the hundreds of thousands of her sons scattered all over the two continents of America and their Islands, as well as forming the connecting link between her merchants at home and abroad. Yours faithfully. CELSO CASAR MORENO.

A RIOT AMONG LEPERS .- The great Leper Asylum at Mahaica, in British Guiana, has recently been the scene of a riotous outbreak, which threatened at one time to be attended with much bloodshed and some loss of life. Fortunately, however, the riot was quelled, and its only result will be to hasten the adoption of additional precautionary measures which the Government of the colony has long contemplated in its dealings with this troublesome portion of the community. The Mahaica Asylum is a large hospital maintained by the Government, for the reception of persons, chiefly coolies, afflicted with leprosy, and at the time of the outbreak contained about 200 patients. The Government is, unfortunately powerless to enforce the admission of Leprous subjects, or to prevent the removal of those who, partially cured, often leave and convoy the infection with them; but every effort is made to prevent intercourse both with the outer world and within the asylum between the sexes. In a similar but smaller establishment in Kaow Island, in Essequibo, the afflicted people are not only entirely insulated from the rest of the world, but the sexes are kept strictly apart; and it is intended to adopt this plan in its entirety in the case of the large asylum. At present, notwith-standing the watchfulness of the officials, it is impossible to prevent an occasional breach of the regulations by which the men and women are kept apart, and the authorities have, now and then, to chronicle an addition to the list of of inmates within the asylum. The necessary string-ency of the rules of the establishment, both for the sake of the unfortunate patients as well as for the sake of the colony at large, has led to frequent difficulties with some of the inmates; and the ill-feeling lately culminated in an outbreak which taxed all the efforts of a special body of police to suppress. The doctor in charge of the asylum, Dr. Hillis, was attacked while on one of his usual rounds and forcibly imprisoned in one of the rooms, and a leper armed with a razor kept guard over the door, while the others fell on the in the various rooms and locked themselves in. A hand-to-hand fight ensued during which the female patients showed even greater ferocity and determination than the men. They were, however, fortunately, unable to find any dangerous weapons and were eventually overpowered .-

THE PITCAIRN ISLANDERS .- The Pitcarirn Islanders have found new friends in the East, through whom a box of choice books and pictures has been forwarded to them, via this city. Chief among the gifts are the following : Houghton, Osgood & Co. of Boston contribute a set of Smith's Bible Dictionary in four royal octavo volumes, which is generally considered the best single work on the Bible in the English language; Little, Brown & Co. of the same city contribute Bancroft's History of the United States and other valuable books; Messrs Lee & Shepard and Estes & Lauriat, a lot of miscellancous works; Williams & Everett, C. H. Goodman and Prang of Boston have contributed liberally. Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co. and Adams' Express Company have forwarded the box to this city free of charge. These gifts are such as will be especially acceptable to these good people for whom they are intended. Captain Williams of this city will forward the box. Letters or packages for Pitcairn Island sent to Captain Williams, care of Merchants' Exchange, this city, well be forwarded.—S. F. Chronicle, Nov. 16.

The San Francisco Post says: A young gentleman with short hair and crooked fingers and nose, and a general air of having played considerable previous base the past ball season, dropped in yesterday to demand an explanation. He states that in the account of a ball, reported in our society column of last week, we alluded to his sister as a "houri of the Fourth ward." Now, a houri, he was given to understand, was a young female chiefly attired in baggy trousers and pearl beads, who loafed all day on a red velvet cushion, smoking tobacco in a flower vase by means of 10 feet of gutta-percha gas pipe, and was addicted to other habits of a decidedly "off" description. Now, his sister taught Sunday school vigorously, and was generally the proper tip. If we didn't retract in a conspicuous part for this number he would call later in the day with "a few of the boys." We retract.

PREMATURE WOMEN .- When girls midway in their teens throw off their natural, girlish habit and attire; don long skirts, shoot up their hair, and affect the airs and dress of young women, they would often be surprised to know what their elders really think of the improvements. One such young miss went to the depot recently to meet an aged friend of the family, and was surprised to find herself not recognized upon greeting the visitor as she stepped from the car. 'Don't you know me, auntie?' "Certainly, don't you think I look better than I did last summer when you were here?" "No," replied the honest soul looking the girl over, "to tell the truth I don't. Go home and let down your hair and be young while you can, for it will not be many years before you will be glad to have people take you for

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phonic exchange in the heart of London, with wires radiating towards the suburbs.

It is announced that the levy this year for the Russian army will increase the force by about 218, At the Dublin City Sessions on July 16 the re-corder sentenced an old man, who had been many

times previously convicted, to seven years' penal servitude for stealing 2d from a church.

Mr. Gould, the Boston sculptor, is engaged on a heroic statue of the great Sandwich Island King, NUTRITIOUS. which the Government of that country has ordered in bronze for the public square in its capital city. The great map of the moon upon which Dr. Julius Schmidt, of Athens, has been at work since 1867, shows 32,856 craters and ring like formations on the lunar surface; and 348 rills and clefts.

Just before the adjournment of the French Chambers a committee reported in favour os selling the crown jewels. One of the reasons given was that they must not lead any one to expect a monarchical

The Novoye Vremya, in an article on the recent conflagrations in Russia, states that an average annual loss of 70,000,000 roubles is occasioned to the

There were 40 suicides in Vienna in the month of May—a terrible high figure for a population of 1, 000,000 souls. Complete bankruptcy in the inciting cause in most cases. An Iowa law remits a certain percentage of taxes for five years on every acre of fruit, and for ten

years on every acre of forest trees planted within the state and kept alive. 75,000 acres have been planted and 200,000 dollars remitted. At the American Convention of Hebrews, which recently closed its cession, the industrial question received great prominence. It was determined that indignent Jews should be aided in settlement upon

agricultural lands in the West. Peace has been made, or at all events a compromise effected, between Germany and the Vatican The whole of the exiled clergy are to be allowed to reture, and to exercise their functions freely, on the sole condition of obedience to the common law.

King Menelek of Shoa, the southern part of Abyssinia, has informed the Anti-Slavery Society that he has now abolished the slave trade throughout the whole of his dominions. The despatch is written in Amhario, and sealed with the King's great seal.

The late war with Russia has apparently net di-minished the gross luxury of the Sultan and his Pashas of Constantinople. Their extravagance is as notorious as ever, their harems being crowded with slaves. There is much suffering among the lower classes of the people and the inferior officers. If English agriculture is to retain anything of its

old pre-eminence (says the World) there must be, along with lower rents, such alterations in the existing system of landtenure as will give security of possession for a reasonably lengthy period to the tenant, and guarantee him full value for all the otherwise reap the benefit. Mrs. Isaac Bell, jun., sister of Mr. James Gordon Bennett, recently became the mother of a fine son.

christening gift of "joyous arrival," according to the old mediæval custom at the accession of a king. CALL, The owners of the Great Eastern have, it is stated, at last determined to adopt a suggestion that has been frequently made, and are about to convert the great ship into a meat-carrying trader between London and Texas. The requisite alterations, which include new boilers, will involve an expenditure of about £100,000; but as the vessel can carry 2000

of cattle, or 36 000 sheep, the speculation should prove remunerative. Railroads have entirels changed the conditions, of productions. They, with steamships, have ena-abed thinly settled localities of the world to produce immense crops upon virgin soil, and compete with the triumph over the denser population but worn out soil of older Europe. If 50 years of steam communication have produced such an antonishing result, what may we not expect at the end of a second half century.

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